from 1996 to 2000 has been 71.1%, 62.2%, 72.2%, 58.3% and 71.4% respectively.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

(c) As on 28th February, 2001, 4081 cases filed by CBI were pending trial in various courts for more than four years.

(d) The officers in the CBI are trained to investigate all types of offences. However, keeping in view the nature of economic offences cases now being entrusted to the CBI, the Government has sanctioned 183 posts for Technical Advisory Units in the CBI for induction of professionals from the Revenue and Banking Sectors to render necessary expert advice and assistance to CBI officers in investigation of complicated cases of specialised nature. The CBI is also arranging specialised training for its officers in these areas. Reserve Bank of India/State Bank of India have organised training courses for CBI officers on banks frauds and other economic offences. A computor crime training course was also organised for CBI Officers by officers of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States of America (USA).

(e) A separate Economic Offences Division in CBI to investigate economic offences, was set up on 26th November, 1994.

Exoneration of accused of various cases filed by CBI

†4508. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the accused exonerated in various cases filed during the last three years by CBI;

(b) whether Government propose to take any action for providing compensation to those persons who had to suffer as a result thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) According to the information made available by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), 25 accused persons have been acquitted in cases in which CBI, had filed charge-sheet in various Courts during the years 1988, 1999 and 2000.

(c) and (d) There is no legal provision for providing compensation in such cases unless awarded by the courts.

Amendment in CVC Bill

4509. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Vigilance Commissioner has written to Government stating that the country will not achieve "Zero tolerance in corruption" if the CVC Bill is amended on the basis of the recommendations made by the JPCs;

(b) if so, what are the main objections raised therein;

(c) whether Government are considering the suggestions;

(d) if so, what are the changes that are being made; and

(e) by when a final decision for introduction of the legislation is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) The Central Vigilance Commissioner has mainly raised following issues in the context of the Report of the Joint Parliamentary Committee:

(i) Restricting the powers of Central Vigilance Commission in exercise of 'Superintendence over the vigilance administration' occurring in Clause 8(1) (g) of Bill;

(ii) Incorporation of the 'single Directive' in the Bill; and